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SUBJ: ISRAELI PRESS ON ISRAELI-EGYPT NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUMMARY. PRESS JUNE 25 WIDELY REPORTS THAT EGYPTIAN RESPONSE TO ISRAEL'S INTERIM SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO U.S. AMBASSADOR EILTS. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ATLANTA SPEECH CARRIED EXTENSIVELY. REPORTS SPECULATE THAT EGYPT HAS REJECTED SOME OF ISRAELI PROPOSALS, BUT OBSERVERS BELIEVE DOOR IS STILL OPEN FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. ISRAELI PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL LINES HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO WASHINGTON BY PM RABIN'S MILITARY AID. END SUMMARY.

2. HAARETZ (MARGALIT) REPORTS IT IS THOUGHT ISRAEL POSITION NOT ACCEPTED IN FULL AND THERE IS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. OBSERVERS CLAIM U.S. IS INTERESTED IN FURTHER ISRAELI CONCESSIONS, MAINLY CONCERNING ISRAELI DEMAND TO KEEP WARNIN STATION AT UM HASHIBA. IF INTERIM SETTLEMENT IS REACHED, WRITES MARGALIT, OBSERVERS STATE THAT ADMINISTRATION WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR \$1.85 BILLION FOR ISRAEL NEXT YEAR.

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3. HATZOFEH, CITING VARIOUS NEWS SOURCES, WRITES THAT KISSINGER'S SPEECH IS REGARDED AS DIRECT WARNING TO ISRAEL THAT FORD ADMINISTRATION MAY TAKE QUESTION OF ISRAEL'S DIPLOMATIC TACTICS STRAIGHT TO THE PEOPLE, IN HOPE THIS WILL SPOIL POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT OF ISRAEL.

4. HAARETZ (ZARAI) REPORTS VOA BROADCASTS ON SADAT'S CONSULTATION WITH HIS ADVISERS. IT ALSO NOTES THAT RADIO COMMENTATORS STRESS THAT EGYPT AND SYRIA ARE ONE FRONT, AND SADAT IS SEEKING SAUDI SUPPORT FOR HIS DIPLOMATIC MOVES.

5. AFTERNOON PAPERS REPORT POLITICAL CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON CONFIRMING NEW YORK TIMES REPORT ABOUT VISIT OF PM RABIN'S MILITARY AID WITH MAPS. MAARIV (BEN) ADDS THAT RABIN HAS PROPOSED ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ALONG A LINE RUNNING FROM POINT SOUTH OF BARDAWILL THROUGH HALF-WAY POINTS OF PASSES TO POINT SOUTH OF ABU RODEIS.

6. AFTERNOON PAPERS CITE WASHINGTON SOURCE SAYING RABIN LEFT US WITHOUT AN UNDERSTANDING ON A PARALLEL AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA, WITHOUT WHICH, AMERICANS THINK, NO INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT IS POSSIBLE. ACCORDINGLY, PERES' RECENT STATEMENT THAT INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH SYRIA IS POSSIBLE WAS WELCOMED IN WASHINGTON.

7. YEDIOT (ZIMUKI) REPORTS FEELING IN JERUSALEM THAT WASHINGTON IS PREPARING FOR A POSSIBLE BREAKDOWN IN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATION, " IN WHICH CASE THE REASSESSMENT WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN FEW WEEKS." VELIOTES

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